





MIAMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT


VOLUNTEER WORKDAY CALENDAR
2005-2006 ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA



Natural Areas... The Way Nature Intended

As a volunteer or student, you are given the opportunity to assist in the restoration of one of Miami-Dade County's natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings, or picking up trash. Students and volunteers are taught to identify various invading non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of these ecosystems. Other opportunities include historical research, fundraising and general office work. The Park and Recreation Department's Natural Areas Management (NAM) Program began the overwhelming task of exotic plant control in 1991. Today, NAM conducts restoration work in Park-owned natural areas, as well as those owned by the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program. Now more than ever, Miami-Dade Parks and the EEL Program need the support of the entire community to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task!

09/17/05		Coastal Clean-up	Contact Melissa Sessom at 305-372-3300
10/22/05	***	Hattie Bauer Hammock (formerly Orchid Jungle)	SW 267 St. and 157 Ave.
11/05/05	**	Deering Estate	SW 168 St. and 72 Ave.
01/28/06	*	Kendall Indian Hammocks 	11345 SW 79 St.
02/04/06	***	Florida City Pineland	SW 345 St. and 184 Ave. (Florida City Streets – SW 1 st St. and 8 th Ave.)
03/04/06	*	Kendall Indian Hammocks 	11345 SW 79 St.
03/11/06	***	Camp Matecumbe Pineland	SW 120 St and 142 Ave.
04/01/06	*	Kendall Indian Hammock 	11345 SW 79 St.
04/22/06		Bayanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day	Various locations – call 305-372-6474
05/06/06		Volunteer Appreciation Brunch	To be announced

*Spudbusters workday 

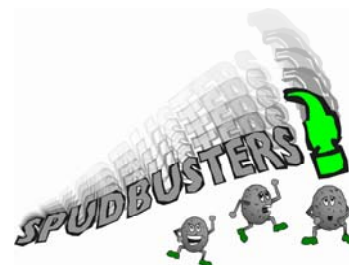
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Get involved – Adopt a Natural Area!

Please call (305) 257-0933 for further information or

Visit our web site at <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/preservation.asp>.



All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. Groups of 10 or more should pre-register by calling (305) 257-0933 ext 227. See reverse side for additional information.

Additional background information:

Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, freshwater wetlands, mangrove forests, and seashores that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped, protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. Through these workdays, volunteers contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.

Natural Areas Management Volunteer Workday Regulations:

- Workdays begin at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM.
- Be prepared to work outside. Drink plenty of fluids during the work period!
- Closed-toe shoes are required and long sleeve shirts and long pants are highly recommended.
- A hat, sun block, and insect repellent are also recommended.
- Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions and warnings (such as how to avoid poison ivy and poison wood).
- Please, do not bring small children or pets along on workdays.
- Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.
- Smoking and littering are not permitted.
- Inform staff about unusual findings, debris, or occurrences.

Remember...Safety First!

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Miami-Dade Parks provides quality and diverse recreational experiences for persons with disabilities. Call (305) 755-7848 (V/TDD) to request materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter and for information on access for persons with disabilities.